

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/626,674

Examiner

Christian A. Hannon

Applicant(s)

KIM ET AL.

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 7/25/2003.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-9.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 6/28/05, 10/8/04
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. Claims 1-9 are allowed over the cited prior art.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

In regards to independent claim 1 Kim (US 2002/0111140) teaches a Bluetooth headset for wirelessly communicating with a communication terminal comprising a main body and a speaker (Page 2, [0019]; Kim), a boom being pivotably mounted to the main body and one end of which has a microphone attached thereon (Figure 2, Items 1,117a & b; Kim), a boom switch being switched on or off according to an open or closed state of the boom (Page 2, [0019]; Figure 1, Item 119a; Kim), a controller being built in the main body, for detecting an open or closed state of the boom according to an on/off state of the boom switch (Page 2, [0019], Figure 1, Item 111; Kim). However Kim fails to teach wherein the controller detects if a power on/off switch is switched on, setting an incoming call indication mode to a ringing or melody mode if the boom is opened from the main body, setting an incoming call indication mode to a vibration mode if the boom is closed to the main body, and performing an incoming call indication operation at a predetermined incoming call indication mode upon receiving an incoming call signal from the outside and a vibration motor being built in the main body and vibrated upon receiving a control signal from the controller.

Regarding independent claim 6, Kim teaches a method for informing a user of an incoming call signal in a Bluetooth headset wirelessly communicating a communication terminal having a Bluetooth function comprising the steps of a) if the Bluetooth headset is powered on, detecting an open or closed state of a boom having a microphone (Page

2, [0019]; Kim). However, Kim fails to teach a method for informing a user of an incoming call signal in a Bluetooth headset wirelessly communicating a communication terminal having a Bluetooth function, comprising the further steps of b) if the boom is opened from a main body contained in the Bluetooth headset, setting an incoming call indication mode to a ringing or melody mode, c) if the boom is closed to the main body, setting an incoming call indication mode to a vibration mode and d) upon receiving an incoming call signal, informing a user of the incoming call signal at a predetermined incoming call indication mode.

Claims 2-5 are allowed as they are dependent on independent claim 1.

Claims 7-9 are allowed as they are dependent on independent claim 6.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Abramov (US 2005/0107131) discloses a wireless apparatus with detachable element.

Hasegawa (US 6,249,684) discloses a wireless telephone with an ergonomic grip or handle.

Hasegawa (US 6,192,221) discloses a telephone with angled boom mike.

Tsai et al (US 2005/0208980) disclose an adjustable Bluetooth wireless earphone.

Bodley (US 2005/0153748) discloses a headset with variable gain based on position of microphone boom.

Parker (US 2004/0204207) discloses a hat for hands-free telephone operation.

Fitzgerald (US 2002/0111197) discloses a cordless telephone headset system.

Jesiek (US 6,010,216) discloses "hear speak" two-way voice radio communications eyeglasses.

Hahn et al (US 6,230,029) disclose a modular wireless headset system.

Lin (US 2003/0119565) discloses a folding collapsible wireless transmitter-receiver earphone.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christian A. Hannon whose telephone number is (571) 272-7385. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. - Fri. 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

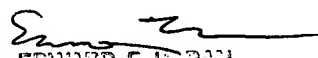
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